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Setting up of National Gas Grid

2449. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to set up a National Gas Grid;

(b) if so, the main objective of setting up such a Grid;

(c) the tentative date by which it is expected to be set up; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) Several proposals in this regard have been made from time to time but no decision has been taken to set up a National Gas Grid.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Production and Demand of Petroleum Products

2450. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a gap between production and demand of petroleum products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on October 31, 1991; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to bridge the gap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The shortfall is made up by imports of petroleum products.

(c) Amongst the steps being taken by the Government to bridge the gap of petroleum products are;

(i) Intensification of activities relating to exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas;

(ii) Setting up of grass root refineries and expansion of existing refineries; and

(iii) Attaching high priority to energy conservation measures in all sectors of the economy.

World Bank Loan for Sri Ramsagar and Srisailam Right Bank Canal Projects

2451. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank loan provided for the Sri Ramsagar and Srisailam Right Bank Canal Project in Andhra Pradesh is likely to lapse within the next two years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir. Sri Ram Sagar and

Sri Sailam Right Branch Canal Irrigation Schemes are components of the World Bank assisted "Second Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Project". The funds under the World bank Agreement will be available for reimbursement till June 1994. If the progress fo work on the project is not adequate to utilise the entire loan amount them extension of credit closing date will be sought from the World Bank.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Development of Ayacuts

2452. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether most of the potential created through various major irrigation projects in the country have not been put to use due to non-development of ayacut in the respective project areas;

(b) whether Sri Ramsagar Project in Andhra Pradesh in one such project; and

(c) if so, the measures contemplated to impress on the State Government for the development of such ayaouts?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. It may further be explained that besides development of ayacuts, the other factors for delay in utilisation of potential relate to adoption of better water management practices by the farmers within the command.

(b) Sriram Sagar Project has developed potential of 253.42 hectares upto 1989-90 and the utilisation is 228.76 thousand hectares which is about 90%.

(c) The Government of India has been impressing upon the State Government to make larger plan allocation for completing of on-farm activities and their timely completion. The need for adoption of better water management practices, adaptive trials, training of farmers, formation of pipe committee have also been stressed.

[*Translation*]

Demand fo Kerosene and Diesel in the Country

2453. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total availability of kerosene and diesel during April-October, 1991;

(b) the total quantity of kerosene and diesel imported and the total quantity made available from the petroleum reserves; and

(c) the total demand of kerosene and diesel in the country in comparison to the total availability and the percentage of total demand which can be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c). A Statement giving the requisite information is attached.

STATEMENT

(a) and (b). The details fo kerosene and diesel imported and produced in the country during April to October, 1991 is as follows: